



## Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

**eNewsletter #597 - 21 March 2023**

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby council areas. The eNewsletter is a new type of Neighbourhood Watch; utilising the available technology to keep people more connected and up-to-date with local crime and safety issues.

The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from our local police at the [Ku-ring-gai PAC Facebook page](#) (also known as 'eyewatch'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view - this could be a local newspaper article, a roadwork warning, crime prevention tip(s), an upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Q&As from residents, or an item from another Police command ("Crooks know no boundaries!").

🚗 Have you seen anything we should share with the community? [Please email](#) our NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers. We do value your contributions and thank you for your support.

🚗 Please feel free to share/forward this eNewsletter with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.

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### **18 March, from Ku-ring-gai Police Command: CAR REGO PLATE LOCKING SCREWS**

Due to the increase in number plate thefts, we recommend using one-way locking screws to secure your plates.

A one-way locking screw is a screw that replaces a normal screw to hold your number plate in place. It goes in very easily, but because of the design, is difficult to remove.

These are available to purchase through different retailers or you can obtain them through our local Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai Hornsby. For more information, click on [au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org](http://nhwkuringgaihornsby.org).



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### 17 March, from Ku-ring-gai Police Command

#### ✗ PLEASE BE MINDFUL ✗

There has been an increase in thefts resulting from people selling things online and meeting up in public areas. If you are selling things like mobile phones and electronics, you are more than welcome to suggest to your buyer to meet up at your local police station or other busy areas that are well lit and have CCTV.

If you don't feel comfortable about the sale, then walk away.

## BUY, SWAP AND SELL SMART



**Online marketplaces like Gumtree and Facebook are becoming popular trading forums and they're becoming even more popular among thieves and scammers!**

- Know who you're dealing with by taking some time to do a bit of research.
- Never send money to anyone you don't know!
- Always make cash transactions in public, in person. Also, it's a good idea to take a family member or friend with you.
- Use payment methods with buyer protection, such as PayPal or Afterpay.
- You should inspect the item carefully, in person, to ensure it is as described in the ad and any issues are known upfront before you exchange any money.

**If it sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't true!**

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## 158 March, from NSW Police Force: Charges Laid



A man will appear in court today charged following an investigation into an alleged business email compromise scam.

In May last year, investigators from the State Crime Command's Cybercrime Squad received reports a law firm had been subject to a business email compromise scam.

A BEC occurs when an individual or a company receives a fake invoice purporting to be from a service or goods provider, requesting that money be sent to a fraudulent account.

Strike Force Madeleine was established to investigate the report, and inquiries revealed an employee of the Sydney business had unknowingly transferred electronic funds into a fraudulent account.

It was further revealed a compromised email address of a paralegal at the firm had been utilised to source an invoice and alter the banking details.

Following extensive investigations, a 58-year-old man was arrested by detectives at a home in Toormina and taken to Coffs Harbour Police Station, where he was charged with knowingly deal with proceeds of crime.

Police will allege in court that the man was the recipient of the stolen funds and dealt with the proceeds of crime to the value of \$709,198.00.

More information [here](#).

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**21 March, from NSW Food Authority: Weekly update to our list of alleged breaches of NSW food safety standards:**

- 17 premises added
- 6 premises publication period expired.

**One added for Hornsby: MASTER ROLLS - GRAB A FRESH BITE**

See [here](#).

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**21 March, from NSW Police: SCAM ALERT ⚠️**

A re-emerging scam Remote Access Scam has been detected by the NSW Police Force. Scammers, pretending to be from various financial institutions or well-known companies, get in contact, often via a phone call, and ask to access the person's device remotely. They often use the excuse that the device is sending out an error message or has a virus that they need to 'fix urgently'.

Various software applications or programs are used by scammers to access the device. Once the scammers have control, they can access the financial and personal data and use this to transfer funds out of the person's account or steal private data.

**Please follow the prevention strategies below:**

- 🖥️📞 Never give an unsolicited caller remote access to your computer or device.
- 💰📞 Never give your personal, credit card or online bank account details over the phone to people you don't know and can't identify.
- For more information, please access [cyber.gov.au](https://www.cyber.gov.au) or Scamwatch web pages:

👉 <https://www.cyber.gov.au/acsc/view-all-content/threats/remote-access-scams>

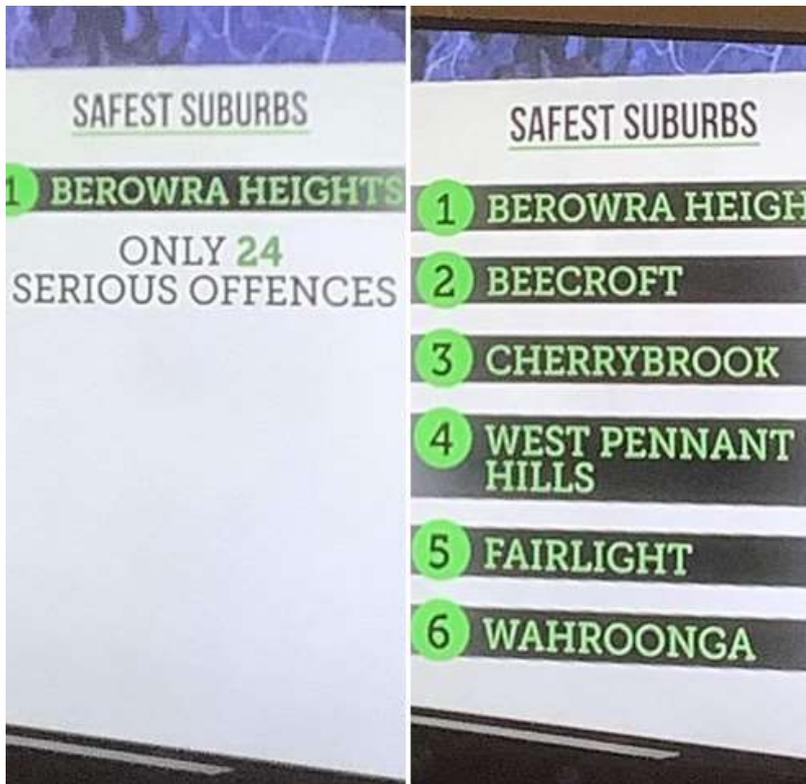
👉 <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/types-of-scams/attempts-to-gain-your-personal-information/remote-access-scams>



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20 March, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group:

Isn't that nice! Just saw this on the 6pm channel 9 news.



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**20 March, from 9news.com.au: Body found in search for missing father who vanished while canyoning in Blue Mountains**



A body has been found in the search for a canyoner who disappeared in New South Wales' Blue Mountains.

Munib Dar, 39, was last seen in the Wollangambe River at Mount Wilson about 3pm yesterday, and a search was launched.

The father-of-one ran into trouble on the Wollengambe Canyon 2 Track. His friend tried to help but was unsuccessful and left to find phone reception and call for help.

Details [here](#).

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**20 March, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group:**

LOST: Mobile phone with red case.

Saturday near old IGA shops.

\$100 reward.

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**Dates for the Diary**

**Wednesday 22 March:** Harmony Day Multicultural Festival 10:30am-1:30pm @ Hornsby TAFE - free BBQ, service stalls, cultural stalls and performances, etc.

**Thursday 23 March:** Harmony Day Festival 10am-2pm @ Gordon Uniting Church.

**Thursday 23 March:** FREE Supervisor of a Learner Driver online workshop. 6:30-8pm [Info](#).

**Sunday 26 March:** Neighbour Day. [Info](#).

**Sunday 26 March:** Bobbin Head Cycle Classic. [Info](#).

**Wednesday 03 May:** NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Volunteers meeting. 6-8pm @ PCC Waitara.

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## **20 March, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby**

At the weekend Neighbourhood Watch volunteers helped with 'cocooning' letterbox drops in Wahroonga and Asquith.

Cocooning is the idea of warning residents around where an incident has occurred. Our Crime Prevention Officer at Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command, Constable Gemma Walker, without identifying the actual residence for privacy reasons, identifies letterboxes around the area where community alerts can be delivered. Gemma prints off different community alerts depending on the type of offence. Hopefully the warning will prompt neighbours to be more vigilant, careful and less likely to become a victim. Thank you to Gemma, volunteers, Graham and Julia.

The latest cocooning warnings:

Break & Enter (B&E), Building 14 Bouvardia Street, Asquith.

Steal from Motor Vehicle, Alexandra Pde & Park Av, Wahroonga

Please report any incident, no matter how minor - it all helps build a bigger picture of what is going on in your neighborhood. Phone the Police Assistance Line 131 444 to report non-emergency crime.

<p><b>COMMUNITY ALERT!</b></p> <p>A Break and Enter has occurred in a street near you</p> <p>Remain vigilant Lock doors and windows Ensure your sensor lights are working Ensure your CCTV cameras are working</p> <p>Call police if you see anything suspicious</p> <p>Triple Zero (000) Police Assistance Line (131 444) Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)</p> <p>KURUNG GAI POLICE AREA COMMAND</p>	<p><b>COMMUNITY ALERT!</b></p> <p>A Break and Enter has occurred in a street near you</p> <p>Remain vigilant Lock doors and windows Ensure your sensor lights are working Ensure your CCTV cameras are working</p> <p>Call police if you see anything suspicious</p> <p>Triple Zero (000) Police Assistance Line (131 444) Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)</p> <p>KURUNG GAI POLICE AREA COMMAND</p>
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**18 March, Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon - NSW: Shared with permission from the Gordon Community group:**



My car was damaged yesterday (Thursday 16 March) between 3.30pm - 10.30pm at Gordon train station Werona Ave car park.

If anyone saw anything, or if you think you might have accidentally hit my car, please let me know. My car was near the front, so even if you drove around and have a dash cam, that would help. From the paint, looks like the assailant was in a red car. My car is a black Land Rover Discover.

I'm really gutted. Single mum life is tough enough. I'm just so very upset. 😞😞😞

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**18 March, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby: Neighbour Day: Sunday 26 March.**

What are you going to do?

In our command we have been told of one event being organised especially...

Our street is going to have a “get to know your neighbours” on Neighbour day, 26th March. It seems that everyone will participate and will bring a small plate of taste from each country. I think that we will have about 6 or 7 countries represented in our small street!

We hope you have a lovely get-together!

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**17 March, from NSW Food Authority**

Weekly update to our list of alleged breaches of NSW food safety standards:

- 10 premises added
- 3 premises publication period expired

Details [here](#).

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**14 March, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby: Harmony Day**

Hornsby TAFE is having an event for Harmony Day from 10:30 to 1:30pm on Wednesday 22 March. Our local Ku-ring-gai police will be there. Will you be able to join the celebrations?



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## From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Apartments'

**Tip #1.** Only 'buzz in' those people you know, even if they seem trustworthy. Ensure the door shuts behind you.

**Tip #4.** Clear your mailbox daily. If you are away, ask a neighbour to assist. Or put a hold on your mail at the Post Office.

**Tip #6.** Don't give out spare sets of keys. Never give out copies of your building or apartment keys to tradespeople or friends.

**Tip #10.** Know your neighbours - who should be there, who should not? If in doubt, double-check with others in the building. Challenge those you are suspicious of, or contact **Hornsby Police Station: 9476 9799**.

For more tips and translations, look at our website 'Tips' page [here](#). Or try our WatchOut! website [here](#), for links to some great information available on the internet. Or request a copy in your inbox [here](#).

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Love this!



Thanks to UK Cop Humour

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### IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

**Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000**  
**TTY: 106**

**NSW Police - Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC): 9476 9799**  
Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

**Local Police Facebook page: [@Kuring Gai PAC](#)**  
Non-emergency two-way communication

**Police Assistance Line (PAL): 131 444**  
For non-urgent minor crime.

**[NSW Police Community Portal](#)**  
Online reporting of non-emergency minor crime: lost property, intentional damage, graffiti or theft.

**Interpreting & Translating Services: 131 450**

[NSW Police - website](#) for crime prevention advice  
Never be afraid or embarrassed to report a crime, concern or fear you have to the Police. The Police are

here to help you.

**Crime Stoppers NSW: 1800 333 000**

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity ASAP

**Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:**

**Website** [au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org](http://au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org)

**Facebook** [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

**Facebook Group** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

**Twitter** [@NHWKRGHornsby](https://twitter.com/NHWKRGHornsby)

**Email** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com)



**WatchOut! - the NHW NSW one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:**

**Website** [WatchOut.org.au](http://WatchOut.org.au)

**Facebook** [@NHWWatchOut](https://www.facebook.com/NHWWatchOut)

**Local Facebook pages/groups:**

[Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra](#)

[Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural \(Rural Areas\)](#)

[NHW Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural \(Rural Areas\) Facebook Group](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Kuring-gai](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Pymble & West Pymble](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Thornleigh](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Warrawee](#)

**Face-to-Face/printed newsletter groups:**

Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara

Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon (part)/Killara (part)/Pymble (part)

Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby (Jubilee St)

Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah

Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives (Lynbara Ave)

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase)

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**Our mailing address is:**

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